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Conestoga student wants to make it big

By RYAN YOUNG

Second-year law and security administration student Blake Carere plans on getting big this year, literally.

Carere, 20, began body building in 2010 and closed out the year by making a successful debut in competition. In October he entered the Ultimate Fitness Events Halloween Mayhem contest and finished second in the under-21 division. The high placing landed him a spot at the UFE National Championships held at Mohawk College's McIntyre Theatre where an impressive showing won him third place out of over 50 competitors.

The UFE organizes fitness competitions across North America.

Being a smaller kid growing up Carere looked to the weight room to keep himself physically strong enough to compete with larger adversaries on the football field and wrestling mats. Eventually his hard work in the gym started to show in his physique.

"I knew that if I put enough effort into the sport I could excel like any other sport," said Carere. "I didn't want to think 'what if I did this' had I never competed."

Not only does Carere have to battle fellow competitors,



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Blake Carere, 20, competes in the UFE Halloween Mayhem body building contest's under 21 division in October. Carere placed second in the competition.

he believes performance-enhancing substances are still a major problem in the sport. At his first UFE event

only eight of the 50 athletes were subjected to drug testing due to financial restraints. A positive test

would result in a five-year ban from the organization.

"It's a very big problem in the sport but sadly people are get-

ting away with it."

Carere says he will never use steroids. He credits his muscular build to his dedication to training and proper dieting.

"It's not just some pill that you can take and make you have the figure of Superman," he said. "You have to bust your butt in the gym to get results."

When it's time to start lifting Carere heads to the weight room in Conestoga's rec centre. Like any other student he works around his school schedule and gets his workouts in during breaks most of the time. Usually you'll see him in the weight room two to three times a week getting the most of the facilities. Also, in the classroom teachers understand if he has to pull out a sandwich in the middle of class as part of his diet.

Carere's goal heading into the year is to win his first body building competition and potentially land a sponsorship deal that could boost his career. He'll get his first opportunity at the UFE Spring Bash in Mississauga on April 9.

"I've gained so much knowledge from my teachers and peers that I'm so thankful for because if it wasn't for some of these people I wouldn't be near the level I am going to be this year," he said. "This is my year!"

Make quitting a resolution this year

By LAURA BENNETT

It's hard to avoid breathing in second-hand smoke while entering any door at Conestoga College.

But if you are trying to quit smoking, it might be a little easier this week.

Each year, the Canadian Cancer Society celebrates the third week in January as National Non-smoking Week.

This week, from Jan. 17 to Jan. 22, smokers from across Canada are taking their first step toward becoming smoke-free.

What many students do not know is that there is a large organization called Leave the Pack Behind (LTPB), that focuses on students at post-secondary campuses in Ontario.

"Leave the Pack Behind offers support for student smokers at all levels of interest in quitting or cutting down in their smoking, including those with no interest at all," said Amanda Staynes, student contact for LTPB at Conestoga College.

"We also offer support for non-smokers who are trying to offer help to a peer who is a smoker, or who try to protect themselves from second-hand smoke," she said.

"It's important to have a support network when you are trying to quit," said Teresa McQuillin, a nurse at Conestoga's Health Services office. "They are good to keep you distracted and occupied."

LTPB is run by Health Services and Staynes refers

students looking to quit to McQuillin for help.

LTPB holds contests on each Ontario university and college campus and smokers could win \$1,000 if they quit smoking, \$500 if they cut down by 50 per cent and \$250 if they "party without the smoke," meaning, cut out smoking when drinking alcohol.

Another contest called, Don't Start and Win, is targeted at students who are non-smokers or ex-smokers and as long as they don't begin, they are eligible for a monetary prize, said Staynes.

"Our goal is to ... really promote our name and the contest as well," she said, adding that there is a need for the service because research shows that 33 per

cent of college students are smokers.

This is the first year the contest has been held at Conestoga College.

"Last year LTPB reached over 600,000 students and we'd love to do all we can to increase that number and promote healthy, active lifestyles to our college students," said Staynes.

According to the Canadian Cancer Society, within eight hours of quitting the carbon monoxide levels drop in your body and oxygen levels in your blood increase. Within only two days of quitting your sense of smell and taste begin to improve.

"Smoking is more of a social thing," said Amanda Loranger, a second-year radio broadcast student. "I'm a casual smoker

and think I could quit easily."

Casey Peters, another second-year radio broadcast student, says she smokes as a time-filler and that LTPB is a good idea.

"I think I could quit 50 per cent but I'm not ready to fully quit," she said.

Conestoga's LTPB's website, www.leavethepackbehind.org/conestoga, has links to websites to help smokers learn how to quit, information for friends of smokers and contact information for health professionals.

Registration for the LTPB contest ends on Jan. 23 and the contest runs from Jan. 24 to March 7.

For more information about the contest email Amanda Staynes at ltlb.conestoga@hotmail.com.

Now deep thoughts ... with Conestoga College

Random questions answered by random students

What is the most interesting,
amusing or unusual website
you have found online?



"Rotten Tomatoes. It's a movie review site, the best such site I've ever been on."

Brandon Zyma,
first-year
broadcast - television

"On YouTube there's
Llamas with Hats. It's
hilarious!"

Alannah Rollinson,
second-year
police foundations



"An online magazine called
Walrus. I thought it was
interesting. I could check
out local authors."

Sallm Umar,
second-year
pre-service firefighting



"Omegle. It's kind of new.
You chat back and forth
and you use webcams."

Emma Bruce,
first-year
business management



"There's an add-on called
StumbleUpon. You click it
and it takes you to a random
site that other people have
recommended."

Greg Bowen,
second-year
broadcast - television



"YouTube. There was a
video of a baby with two
faces."

Kim McLean,
first-year
accounting



Smile Conestoga, you could be our next respondent!

Electric Six heats up Waterloo

By VICTORIA SPRACKLIN

For a band with such a boisterous name, they certainly live up to it. Electric Six revisited Starlight in Waterloo for a show on Dec. 28 and revved up the crowd.

The Detroit six-some stopped by last March, but this time around brought some new friends. Songs From a Room and Millions of Brazillians shared the spotlight, and sparked more than a few dance moves. The crowd was even split in two, and taken back to middle school, when Millions of Brazillians divided up the genders to commence a dance-off.

But it was Electric Six that really got the audience buzzing.

The alternative-dance band is well known for their hyper-sexual, political and zany lyrics which translate well on stage. Between a motor-mouth poem interlude and the promise of a free beer for the correct age of Tony Danza, the band makes sure to have a good time. (Danza is 59, by the way).

With the release of their newest album, Zodiac, the band premiered new tracks such as It Ain't Punk Rock. Yet demands for their popular singles such as Danger! High Voltage and Gay Bar were shouted throughout the night, but were gladly met by the band.

"We gotta make sure to play the deep cuts, too," lead



PHOTOS BY VICTORIA SPRACKLIN

Dick Valentine, left, and Johnny Na\$hinal of Electric Six excite the crowd during their performance on Dec. 28.

singer Dick Valentine said, reassuring the crowd.

However, like last year, keyboardist Tait Nucleus? (yes, the ? is part of his name) was missing from the lineup. A bout of Lyme disease previously stopped him, and now difficulties at the border prevented Nucleus? from attending this year. The crowd didn't seem too upset, especially

after the song Synthesizer was played in his honour.

The band may not be the most humble on stage, but they're well-loved by their fans.

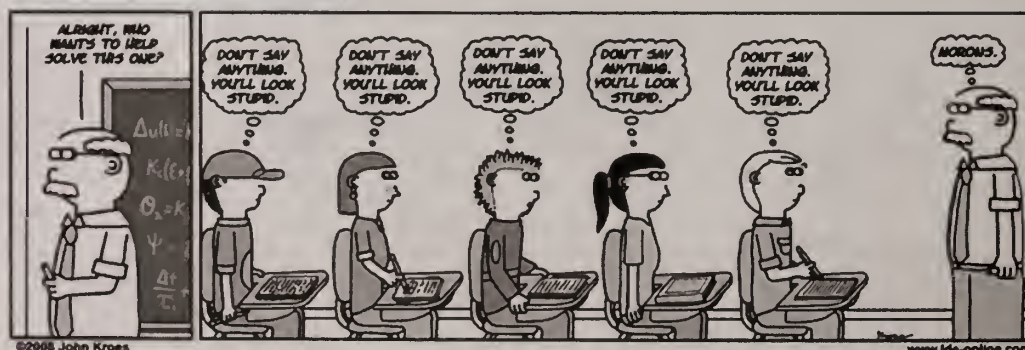
"Many think it's Metric, but we are Canada's No. 1 party band," boasted Valentine, mic in hand.

The crowd roared in agreement.



Electric Six played at Starlight in Waterloo. Though the band was missing a member, they were still well received.

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Call centre initiative raises over \$16,000

By **MARCUS MATTHEW**

Looking for a convenient job that fits in with your school schedule? Alumni Services has got you covered.

The department has always taken pride in helping Conestoga students find jobs by offering various employment opportunities.

A fairly new initiative is a call centre which hired over 30 students for a second consecutive year.

Student fundraising associates were hard at work during the first semester at the call centre's second annual alumni fundraising program.

"The job allowed me a great deal of flexibility and fit in well with my busy schedule while providing valuable job skills and networking opportunities," said first-year design communication fundamentals student Kelly Robison. "I'm proud to be a part of this initiative."

Students underwent three days of training to get familiar with a call centre program. Many of them had no prior experience in the field. Through PowerPoint presentations, tips from call specialists and various calling exercises, the students were well prepared heading into the program.

Students would call graduates of the college in an attempt to update records, build lifelong connections and to encourage donations.

"The call centre taught me many skills that will prepare me for a career in business management and I also got to meet a lot of great people along the way," said third-year international business management student, Tomasz Rozdeba.

This year's program, which lasted for a peri-



PHOTO BY MARCUS MATTHEW

Kelly Robinson, a first-year design communication fundamentals student, is one of the many hard-working students at Conestoga College's call centre.

od of 10 weeks, raised over \$16,000.

The money goes to the Alumni Services' student excellence fund which supports student scholarships and bursaries.

"This has been a fantastic success to date thanks to the generous support of our alumni," said call centre program manager Wendy Rose. "Our student fundraisers take pride in supporting their fellow students through this initiative and benefit from this experience."

The call centre program is expected to expand each year and will resume once again next fall.

CSI plans Sanctuary improvements

Movie rentals will be available

By **ASHLEY IDLE**

Conestoga Students Inc. is talking about big changes to the upper Sanctuary.

At their last board of directors meeting of the fall semester, held on Dec. 8, they said they are looking at plans to redo the area to make it more inviting and student friendly. The plan involves new offerings for students including group stations for work, TVs, movies and video games, and a kiosk that will be open to service the upper Sanctuary.

The movies and video games will be rented out from the kiosk so that students can borrow and return entertainment items. The kiosk will be staffed during the hours the Sanctuary is open.

"We need a place where students can be students," said Sheena Sonser, president of CSI.

These changes to the

Sanctuary, which also include new furniture for the lower area, could be in place in a couple of weeks.

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We need a place where students can be students.

— Sheena Sonser

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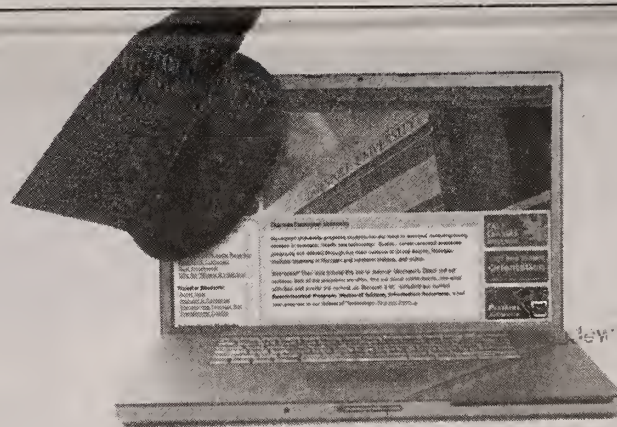
Other things discussed at the meeting were student priority fees and their disbursement, which helps pay for positions held by staff such as student life positions.

There was also discussion about upcoming events in the 2011 winter term such as the Polar Plunge which will support the United Way and the Build-a-Bear charity event, both taking place over the next few months.

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Time to ban the ban

BY MARCUS MATTHEW

The media should never face a publication ban. Period. In the world of journalism, people often don't understand the prime purpose journalists serve. It's not to make friends or write touching stories. It's to deliver the cold hard facts.

The media should have the right to release any information it thinks is necessary when covering a story. We think that there is no such thing as crossing the line when releasing information. Our job is to let you, the average citizen, know everything that's happening.

If that means releasing private records causing chaos such as Wikileaks, revealing confidential documents that will make a company go bankrupt or even disturbing photos that will make you cringe, then so be it.

Recently, the Supreme Court lifted a publication ban in the case of Tori Stafford who was abducted and later found dead. As we witnessed over the holidays, vital case details were published such as one of the suspected murderers, Terri-Lynne McClintic, purchasing a hammer and garbage bags at a Home Depot in Guelph just north of where Stafford's body was found under a pile of rocks. McClintic later pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.

Many were frustrated when the publication ban was implemented. Journalists everywhere were chomping at the bit to deliver information but couldn't because they would face contempt of court charges.

There should never have been a publication ban, nor should there ever be. The media has the right to reveal to you, the public, all that is going on. All these bans are doing is delaying the inevitable.

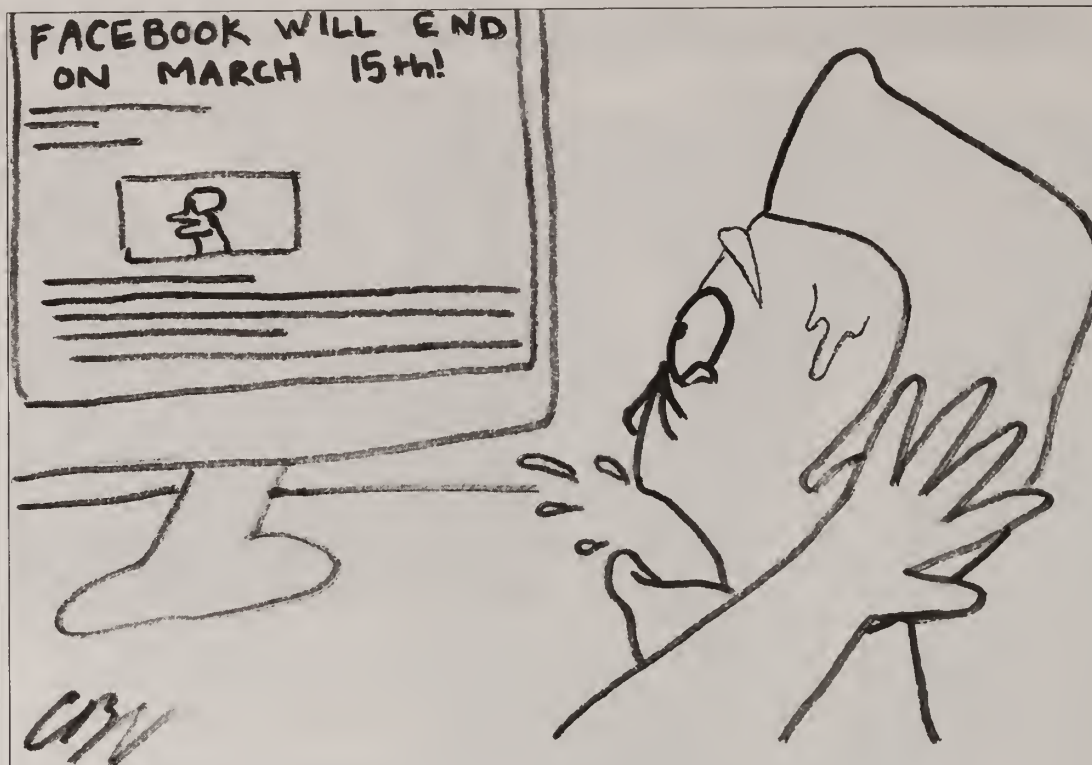
There is a tremendous amount of information being hidden from you. Most aren't aware of it, or are too lazy or simply don't care enough to find out what is going on.

That's perfectly fine because this is where the media comes in. Our sole job is to keep you in the loop on what is going on. Even if that includes TMZ-like news that Justin Bieber got a paper cut. Don't panic, your precious Bieber is fine. We're just trying to make a point.

So, why do we write stories and conduct interviews and research while trying to break the biggest stories of the year? You're just too damn busy. That's why we do the dirty work for you.

We feel in 2011, it's time for the public to be more aware of what's going on. This includes the good, the bad and even the ugly. You should no longer be shielded or hidden from any information. We feel you're ready to handle it and if not, look away. No one is forcing you to read or watch the news.

The views herein represent the position of the newspaper, not necessarily the author.



Rumours of Facebook's demise have social networkers fretting

A selfless new year

Make a change for the better in 2011

As we've recently entered a new year and semester, I've really been finding myself thinking about how I can change for the better in 2011.

Thinking about it led me to reflect on my past and how it's made me who I've become today, but through reflecting on my past, I began to realize 2011 probably won't hold any more opportunity to change than 2010 or 2009 did.

We always have the ability to choose, and we can always choose to make the right decision to benefit others and the world around us.

Rather than think about how we can make our own lives better in this new year, why not put more thought into how we can ultimately make the world a better place.

What people often forget is that it's the simple gestures and words of encouragement which have the potential to speak much louder than



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other types of charity, as they're often perceived as more personal, unexpected and genuine.

We always have the ability to choose, and we can always choose to make the right decision to benefit others and the world around us.

This new semester is sure to bring the inevitable large workload for each and every student at Conestoga College, so when you notice fellow classmates doing a

good job on one of their assignments or you feel they deserve to be complimented in any way at all, why not speak up and say what's on your mind? You never know just how much that student may have needed to be lifted up and encouraged by your kind words.

I know through my personal experiences over the years that constantly feeling miserable and thinking about what I can do to improve my own life gets tiresome after a while. Lately I've realized there's a simple cure to feeling down on the way things are going for myself, and that's to cast myself aside and think about how I can make someone else feel special or appreciated.

A new year and a new semester are sure to bring a slew of new challenges for everyone, so let's start things off by making encouragement a priority, thus helping others get through their difficulties.

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This week in history

By **CASSANDRA BOURGEOIS**

January is a time when people look ahead. With hopeful resolutions, they plan fresh starts for the new year. In the midst of looking forward though, there is always time to look back. Here's what happened this week in past years.

January 17

1991: The Persian Gulf War began with Operation Desert Storm. A U.S. aerial bombing campaign dropped 88,500 tons of bombs. Their priorities were Iraqi air force and anti-aircraft facilities, followed by command and communication facilities. Iraqi anti-aircraft defence was ineffective against the U.S. aircraft.

1961: President Dwight Eisenhower delivered his farewell address on television. In the speech, he spoke of the Cold War and the U.S.

armed forces and warned against the "military-industrial complex" gaining too much power.

1949: The first sitcom airs on American television. The Goldbergs, a radio program that began in 1929, made its way onto the small screen, after some trouble. CBS executives weren't sure the show would translate well into television. Its creator, Gertrude Berg, didn't give up and the show was aired, lasting until 1956, although being picked up by NBC in 1952 after CBS dropped it.

January 18

1998: Matt Drudge became the first to report on the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky affair on his website, The Drudge Report. The Drudge Report started out as an email sent to a few friends, but by 1995 had 1,000 subscribers. That number grew

to 85,000 by 1997.

1997: Borge Ousland became the first person to cross Antarctica alone and without aid. The Norwegian polar explorer has also ventured to both the North and South Poles.

1896: The X-ray machine was exhibited for the first time. Over 100 years later, the X-ray is still an indispensable medical tool. In 2010, five billion medical X-rays were done worldwide.

January 19

1983: Apple's first personal computer to offer a mouse and more features than just typing was announced. Though the Apple Lisa was more advanced than the Macintosh of the time, the Mac eventually became the computer Apple continued to sell and develop.

1977: Snow fell in Miami. It was the only time in history snow fell in the city.

1953: Lucy gave birth. Sixty-eight per cent of TVs in the U.S. were tuned to I Love Lucy for this episode.

1935: The world's first briefs were sold. Coopers Inc. got rid of the legs and added a Y-shaped fly opening. The new design was so popular that 30,000 pairs were sold within three months of their introduction.

January 20

2009: Barack Obama was inaugurated as the 44th President of the United States.

1892: The first official basketball game was played at the YMCA in Springfield, Mass. Basketball was invented by Dr. James Naismith, a Canadian-born physical education professor and instructor at the International Young Men's Christian Association Training School. He invented it to keep his students

busy indoors during the long winters.

January 21

1954: The first nuclear-powered submarine was launched. The USS Nautilus was launched by First Lady of the United States Mamie Eisenhower in Groton, Conn. The Nautilus was named after the submarine in Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.

1948: The Fleurdelisé was adopted as Quebec's flag and flown over the National Assembly of Quebec. Since then, Jan. 21 has been commemorated as Flag Day in Quebec.

1908: New York City banned women from smoking in public when the board of aldermen passed the Sullivan Ordinance. The ordinance was vetoed by Mayor George Brinton McClellan Jr. two weeks later.

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Are financial pressures creating stress for you? Is it difficult to concentrate on studying because you're not sure if you can pay the rent or buy groceries this month? There are a number of things you can do to help ease your financial worries.

If your financial situation has changed, check with the Financial Aid office to see if you can have your OSAP entitlement reassessed. They also have information on bursaries. There may be bursaries and scholarships available for students in specific programs. Scholarships and awards available for students in each program are listed in the Student Guide you received at the beginning of the school year. Information can also be found on the College Website.

Another way to relieve the pressure is through employment. Ask at the college's Career Resource Centre (1A105) and on the web site for help finding part-time work during the school year or contract work for the summer. Opportunities for employment may also be available at the college through the work/study program, including working as a peer tutor. Service clubs and churches may also provide support. The College/CSI-sponsored food bank is located on campus for students. Please see CSI for more information.

If you're having more immediate needs, Counselling Services can provide resource information and discuss any of these options or other ideas and concerns.

A Message from Counselling Services, 1A101

Spreading some cheer

College students make 27 stuffed animals for kids in area shelters

Students in Conestoga's marketing co-op program made it a "beary" merry Christmas for children who were staying in shelters run by Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region in December.

As part of their retail management class, the students went on a field trip to Fairview Mall's Build-a-Bear Workshop, the interactive retailer of customized stuffed animals, to experience a destination retail format first-hand.

At the store they heard about how entertainment, employees, atmospherics and store layout contribute to a retailer's profitability and ultimate success.

Prior to the field trip, the students decided that the best way to get the full experience was to participate in the actual process of "building" a stuffed animal as the

patented process at Build-a-Bear is what sets them apart from other retailers.

The students dug deep into their own pockets to build and dress animals that they then donated to Women's Crisis Services's Anselma House and Haven House. The two shelters house and assist women and children in Waterloo Region who are fleeing domestic violence.

The students purchased 27 stuffed animals, worth almost \$700.

Margaret Bauer, fund development manager at Women's Crisis Services, came to Doon campus in December to accept the donation.

On the same day, Katie Jones and Chelsea Drung, two students representing the class, along with Bauer appeared on Rogers Daytime to talk about Anselma House and the donation.

A WATERLOO CORNERSTONE



PHOTO BY ROBERT CONTE

Paul Puncher, a clothing outlet, operates out of the historic Waterloo train station. This old caboose now serves as a commercial piece for the store and is a historic reminder of what was once a city cornerstone.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Reader says columnist doesn't respect Catholics

I am writing this letter in response to the opinion piece The Pope said what. As a practising Catholic, I find it offensive to read that a non-Catholic without any theological training can tell the Church to change her views.

The fallacy of Mr. Reoch's argument is that democracy trumps truth. Just because people have dissenting views on a subject doesn't mean that they can try changing the other side.

Do we talk about how the Jewish people can't eat pork or complain about Muslims.

I find it ironic that we have the "Respect" program here at the college, but this paper likes to attack the Catholic Church.

I remember earlier this year (maybe March) an article about homosexuality. A gay guy, Joe Smith, said that he was a practising Catholic and did not sin.

Any practising Catholic knows that they sin, so I feel that this Joe Smith was made up to smear the Catholic view of the Sacrament of Marriage. Later on in April, a lapsed

Catholic wrote about how the Church needs to allow priests to marry.

I wanted to be a priest, so I have a strong stance against the topic. It's funny how no other religion gets criticized in this paper except the Catholic Church.

Where's the respect for Catholics? I can see Mr Reoch's bigotry when he says "(The Pope) needs to address the Catholic community, and tell them that he approves of condom use as a method of birth control".

Too bad he hasn't read the

papal encyclical Casti Connubii, which forbids Catholics from artificial birth control."

What makes the encyclical wrong? Because times have changed?

Well Pius X warned the Church about the errors of Modernism. If we were to use this logic of the Church adapting the views of the time, it would promote war, genocide, thief, greed and so on.

It's time for this paper to show respect to what Catholics believe on social

issues. They have been the same since Pentecost and for a non-Catholic to suggest the changing of these values is arrogant, and totally ignorant.

The article shows Mr. Reoch didn't do his research.

So I feel an apology is due to Catholics for this slander of the Pope and the Catholic Church's timeless teachings and in future I urge the paper to show Catholics more respect.

Jason F. Voll
Conestoga College student

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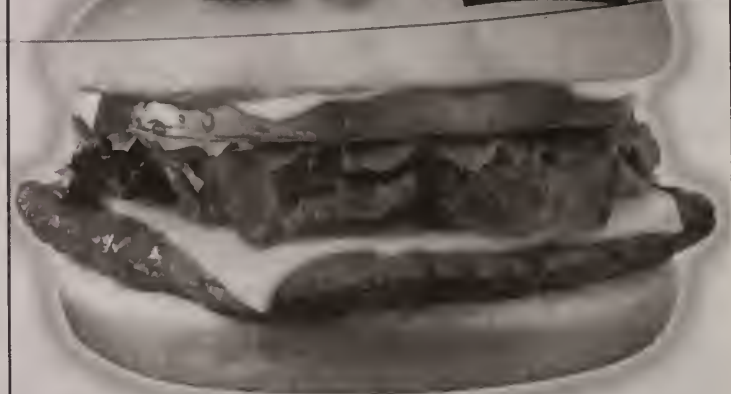
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PlayBook soon to battle iPad

By AMANDA BAINES

As the world grows more technologically savvy by the day, suppliers create products to meet our demands.

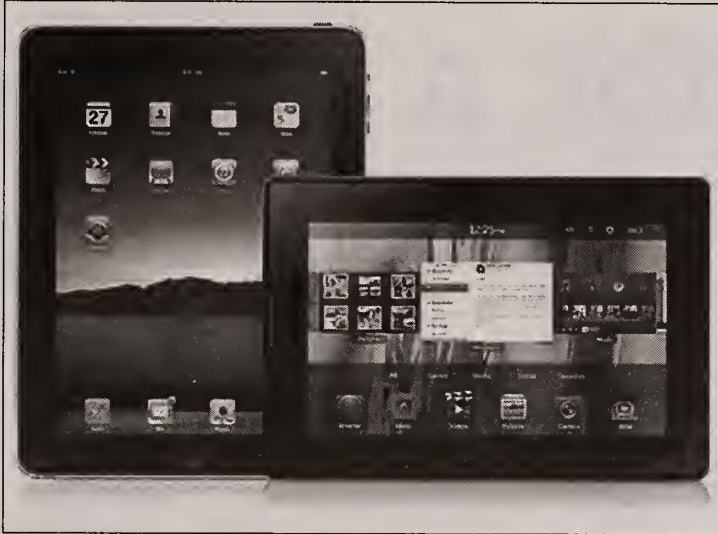
Among the newest electronic developments are the tablets. A tablet is, in a nutshell, a small personal computer with a touch screen. The tablet is designed to provide a computer-like experience on a fraction of the size.

The first tablet released was the Apple iPad. Several different versions of the iPad are available, ranging in size and price, from the basic 16 gigabyte model at \$549 to the 64gb 3G model at \$879.

Although the iPad is small, with only a 9.7-inch screen, it runs Mac computer programs, Internet, apps and media.

The iPad's popularity is incredible, and the high prices didn't dampen many spirits.

Apple was not the only company to see the benefit of a tablet. One of its biggest competitors, Research In Motion, jumped on the band-



INTERNET PHOTO

Apple and RIM have been battling for top spot since RIM started up. With the new tablet craze, the two electronic giants continue their squabble, both convinced that "mine is better."

wagon as well. The BlackBerry creator released the PlayBook prototype on Oct. 25, 2010, and the device is expected to be available the spring of this year.

With a screen of only seven inches, less than a pound in weight and the only tablet under 10 mm thick, the

PlayBook offers video conferencing and flash capabilities, both absent from its Apple cousin.

"We're not trying to dumb down the Internet for a mobile device," said RIM CEO Mike Lazaridis. "What we've done is bring up mobile devices to the level of desktop

computers."

Apple founder Steve Jobs, however, disagrees, claiming there is no market for a seven-inch tablet, and such a small device will be "dead on arrival."

Jobs' scathing comments about seven-inch tablets were not soon to be forgotten: "while a seven-inch screen should offer 70 per cent of the screen size, it will, in fact be only 45 per cent as large."

Jobs also commented that the screen resolution would be higher than the iPad, but this would be useless unless sold with "a piece of sandpaper, so that users can sand their fingertips down to a quarter of the size."

Such comments have sent the two cellular giants into a war of verbal mudslinging, with each retort looking more like a schoolyard tussle.

While Jobs and RIM co-founder Jim Balsillie argue about whose toys are shinier, Future Shop managers refused to be interviewed on either tablet.

Future Shop employee

Anthony Trenton, however, was happy to explain the differences and the potential market for the new toys.

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— Anthony Trenton

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Janet, who refused to give her last name, from RIM's public relations office agreed that the PlayBook will offer lots of benefits for business personnel. Features include the full HDMI port, allowing the user to display the images on a TV screen and the built-in flash player, so users can watch videos and view flash-enabled websites without issues. Janet refused, however, to comment on the iPad.

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Week of January 17, 2011



Aries

March 21 -
April 19

A brand new year means brand new changes. These will start with your discovery of a new form of life growing under your fridge.



Libra

September 23 -
October 22

A fire in your locker will lead to the eventual revelation of those "things" you have been "hiding" from the "police."



Taurus

April 20 - May 20

You'll find that retired people have the remarkable ability to tell you to get off their damned lawn. All of their lawns at the same time.



Scorpio

October 23 -
November 21

You will live in a constant state of dread this week as you realize that a single gamma ray burst could sterilize our entire section of the galaxy. Have fun!



Gemini

May 21 - June 21

Hire an agent; you're about to hit your big break. Hollywood saw your YouTube rendition of Never going to give you up!



Sagittarius

November 22 -
December 21

A procession of trucks down your street will keep you awake at all hours of the night this week. Invest in earmuffs.



Cancer

June 22 - July 22

How many times do you have to tell them? Toilet paper goes in the overhand fashion. You'll be backed on this by the best names in etiquette.



Capricorn

December 22 -
January 19

You will realize that there is no chance that one sentence can apply to roughly 1/12 of the world's population.



Leo

July 23 - August
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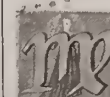
Your constant Internet argument over star wars ethics will come to an end this week, leaving you feeling empty and a little bit dead inside.



Aquarius

January 20 -
February 18

A giant pollution spawned monster will attack your home in Tokyo this week, leading to you wondering when you got a home in Tokyo.



Virgo

August 23 -
September 22

Monday, you will find a pen that writes the future. Please don't take my job, Virgo. I'd really appreciate it.



Pisces

February 19 -
March 20

Most of this week, you will be throwing pencils at ceilings to see if you can get them to stick in those little holes. This will lead to a world championship title.



Paul Irvine carefully examines the stars and then ignores them for your amusement.

Move those legs for a good cause

Walk for Memories fundraiser raises money for Alzheimer's

By LISA OLSEN

Residents of Waterloo Region will be strutting and gliding during January, to raise funds for the Alzheimer Society of Kitchener-Waterloo.

Coinciding with Alzheimer's disease awareness month, the organization is holding its Walk for Memories walk and skate on Jan. 30. The fundraiser runs from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex on Father David Bauer Drive.

This year's event features raffle prizes and guests Kyle Christie and Leslie Gordon from CTV.

Now in its 15th year, organizers are hoping to surpass last year's targets.

"Last year we raised over \$84,000," said Debra McGonegal, development co-ordinator with the society. Thanks to an increase in online donations, it was a big jump from the \$43,000 raised in 2009.

The money raised goes to all the services the society provides.

"Seventy per cent of our operating costs are raised through donations," she said. "For

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example, \$50 can provide up to two hours of supportive counselling."

Last year's walk saw 300 people taking part. McGonegal hopes to match that number this year.

Cathy Neal has been taking part in the walk for the past five years. A resident of Heidelberg, Ont., she walks from door to door, chatting up her neighbours for pledges. As a health-care professional who works with people diagnosed with Alzheimer's, Neal sees the direct effect the society has on the community.

"It is such a sad disease," Neal said.

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Black Swan a classic story

By KATHRYN SCHNARR

Box office thriller *Black Swan*, starring Natalie Portman and Mila Kunis, is a psychological thriller that almost redefines horror. The film offers visually stunning shots and gruesomely realistic effects, while still telling a classic story with a dark twist.

The film offers a glimpse into the life of (Nina Portman), a timid yet dedicated ballerina living in New York City. Praised as one of the best dancers in her company, she lands the role of the Swan Queen in their production of *Swan Lake*. While dancing the Swan Queen, her

fragile personality works in her favour as she dances flawlessly. Yet when she must dance the role of dangerous and revenge-driven *Black Swan*, she is completely lost.

Constantly criticized by the company's artistic director, Thomas (Vincent Cassel), the role begins to consume her. When Lily (Mila Kunis) joins the company and jeopardizes her role as the Swan Queen, Nina's desire to perfect the role becomes a complete obsession. She cannot even confide in her mother (Barbara Hershey), as she is a failed ballerina and jealous of her daughter's success. However, Nina soon learns that her worst enemy is her-

self, and this ultimately leads to her demise.

For those seeking more than a psychological scare, this film is not just a dramatic thriller. *Black Swan* also portrays the physical demands of a dancer, highlighting contorted bodies and complex steps. The film is full of eerie effects and visually stunning shots, specifically when Nina embodies the *Black Swan*. Director Darren Aronofsky questions reality and definitely leaves viewers guessing. The picture is already nominated for four Golden Globes, including Best Dramatic Motion Picture. I give it four out of five stars.

True Grit brings back Westerns

By ROBERT CONTE

Vast open prairies and wild country graced the big screen while buffalo roamed freely across television sets. It was the age of the Western, the '60s.

It was in this era that the original *True Grit* was produced, based on a novel by Charles Portis and starring John Wayne as Reuben "Rooster" Cogburn. The new version, produced by the Coen brothers, is a fitting tribute to the classic.

The film begins with an aged Mattie Ross recounting the story of 1877, when her father was murdered by low-life Tom Chaney over a minor quarrel. The intelligent and determined 14-year-old embarks on a quest to bring Chaney to justice and avenge her father's death. Her sharp wit recruits Rooster Cogburn, played by Jeff Bridges, an elderly, hard-drinking U.S. Marshall and a man of "true grit" who she believes perfect for the task.

The two team up with Texas Ranger LeBoef, played by Matt Damon, who is seeking out Chaney after he murdered a senator and his dog. Despite differences in character, the unlikely trio enter Indian territory to catch Chaney and the band of outlaws he has joined.

The setting of *True Grit* truly draws the audience into the time period and the camera beautifully captures the natural splendour of the American southwest. The dialogue is so well written it will have audience members talking like a cowboy for days. Bridges does a fantastic job of living up to John Wayne in his role as Rooster and maybe even surpasses him. One can't help but idolize this man of true grit. Damon too delivers an amusing performance as LeBoef. The Coen brothers have successfully retold a classic movie for a new generation through action, drama and humour.

I give this film five out of five stars.

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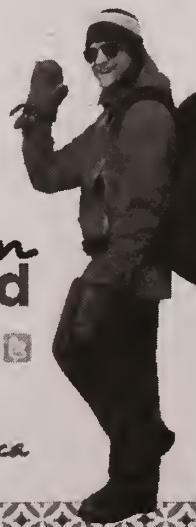
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